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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/686,733

Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Amy J. Sterling

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a non-final Office Action for application number 10/686,733 Touch Panel Holder Frame, Spacer Member, and Display Device, filed on 10/17/03. Claims 1-6, 8 and 10 are pending. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/20/05 has been entered.

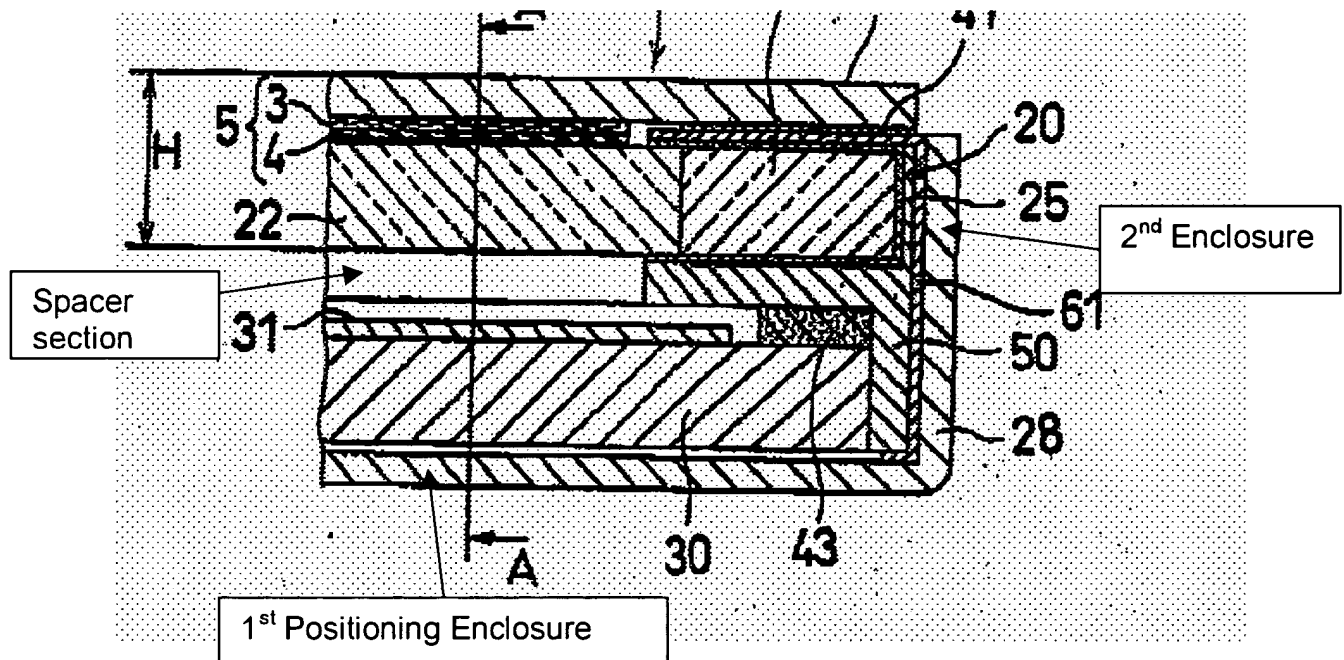
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication No. 2005/0030728 to Kawashima et al.

The publication to Kawashima et al. teaches a first integrated positioning non-cellular resin frame enclosure (See Drawing), having a first thickness along a portion of a plate thickness and attached to an electronic display body (30) and a second positioning enclosure, having a second peripheral thickness at a location wherein the touch panel is attached, the thickness being substantially equal to the first peripheral thickness, the second enclosure being attached to a touch panel (10) and a plurality of

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made from non-cellular resin (See paragraph 0012 for material) holding pawl sections (50), which have a T-shaped cross section which the T-shapes form a first and second enclosures and is provided on an inner surface of the second enclosure wherein the holding pawl sections provide an integrated spacer section (See Drawing Below) that extends between the first and second positioning enclosures to define a given clearance between the display screen and the touch panel, the pawl section which includes a holding section (middle).



Response to Arguments


The applicant has argued that the Publication to Kawashima et al. does not disclose a panel casing containing a touch panel holder frame. It is unclear as to which

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from which claim the argument is derived, since the term "casing" does not seem to appear as a limitation. The applicant also argues that the first and second enclosures do not have peripheral thicknesses which are substantially similar to each other. This is unpersuasive in that the first and second enclosures clearly have substantially similar thicknesses and even if this limitation were not met, the limitation would not contain patentable subject matter because the specification does not teach or suggest as to why similar thicknesses would be unusual or important to the alleged invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 571-272-6823. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached at 571-272-6788. The fax machine number for the Technology center is 571-273-8300 (formal amendments) or 571-273-6823 (informal amendments). Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 571-272-3600.


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7/27/05